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In re Patent Application of)
Jean-Pierre Robin, et al.) Group Art Unit: 1624
Application No. 09/270,006) Examiner: Venkataraman Balasubramanian
Filed: March 16, 1999) Confirmation No.: 1899
For: Novel Cephalotaxane Derivatives and)
Process for Their Preparation)

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Final Office Action of May 17, 2002, Applicants submit the following Response.

REMARKS

Claims 88 - 101 are pending in the present application, with claims 88, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, and 100 being independent.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejection in view of the following remarks.

For the Examiner's consideration, Applicants submit herewith a declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 concerning the cycloalkane carboxylic acid and ester intermediates as presently claimed, the novel stereoselective synthesis of cephalotaxine derivatives in which they can be employed, and the cited art relating to synthesis of cephalotaxine derivatives.

The Present Invention

The present invention is directed to compounds, in particular, cycloalkane carboxylic acids and esters. The presently claimed compounds are of the following formula: